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REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated June 29, 2004, submitted herewith is the required Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00, required by 37 CFR 1.16(e), and a copy of the Notice.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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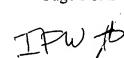
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The oath or declaration is unsigned.

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